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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN VISA PROBLEM

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: PRETORIA 4897

1. NOVEMBER 15 DEADLINE WILL FIND CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF
USG PERSONNEL IN LESOTHO, PARTICULARLY PEACE CORPS VOLUN-
TEERS, WITHOUT SOUTH SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS. ASSUME SAME MORE
OR LESS APPLIES IN BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND.

2. AT THIS LATE STAGE IN LESOTHO WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
SAG SLOWNESS IN ISSUING VISAS AS MOST USG PERSONNEL IN
LESOTHO SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS EARLY TO GIVE SAG MAXIMUM
TIME TO ISSUE VISAS BY NOVEMBER 15. SO FAR WE RECEIVED
VISAS FOR FIVE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS (OUT OF ABOUT
50 SUBMITTED), AND DEPENDENTS, 2 EMBASSY FAMILIES, PAO
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AND FAMILY, AND ONE PEACE CORPS OFFICER. ALL VISAS

RECEIVED TO DATE VALID FOR ONE YEAR AND MULTIPLE ENTRIES
WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF GEORGE COLE, WHO ONLY
BLACK PCV IN LESOTHO. COLE'S VISA DOES NOT ALLOW VISIT
TO SOUTH AFRICA LONGER THAN 72 HOURS. WE ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT THIS APPARENT CASE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AND WOULD APPRECIATE PRETORIA'S INQUIRING AS TO GROUNDS
OF 72 HOUR RESTRICTION.
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